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Identical letters dated 23 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 23 January 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative



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Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

**Activities of inspection teams carried out on Thursday 23 January 2003 and
inspection of mosque in Baghdad on 20 January 2003**

I. Biological inspection team

On Monday, 20 January 2003, a group of five inspectors from the biological inspection team, headed by an American woman, Ms. Hirsh[?], entered the Yawm al-Nida' Mosque in the Sulaykh area of Baghdad after the noon prayer without the knowledge or accompaniment of the Iraqi counterpart, the National Monitoring Directorate. The group toured the mosque, met the mosque's imam, informed him that it was part of a United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) inspection team and addressed to him a number of questions, such as: whether there were underground storage areas in the mosque; during what period the mosque was built; why Iraq was building a large number of mosques; how many persons prayed in the mosque; and what percentage of the worshipers were children. Such questions are completely unrelated to the tasks of the inspection teams and are at odds with Security Council resolution 1284 (1999), which calls upon UNMOVIC to abide by the recommendations of the panel on disarmament chaired by Ambassador Amorim, i.e., that one should take into account Iraq's sovereignty, dignity and religious and cultural sensitivities, as well as its trade secrets.

II. IAEA inspection team

Group I

A group of six inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9.40 a.m. and arrived at the Shaykhali warehouses belonging to the Atomic Energy Organization at Tuwaythah. The group checked the tagged machinery and equipment present in the warehouses. It photographed some equipment and carried out a radiation survey of the warehouses. The mission lasted approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, composed of four inspectors, left the Basra Sheraton Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the State Iron and Steel Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals and is located in Basra, in the Khawr al-Zubayr area. The group asked the general manager of the Company questions about the ownership of the Company, the present position of the former general manager, the Company's activities, daily smelting batches of furnaces and electrical energy consumption volumes. The group next inspected the Company's steel plant,

electrical power station and warehouses. The group performed a radiation survey of the areas it inspected. It then returned to Baghdad.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

Group I

A first group, composed of six inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the College of Medicine of Mustansiriyah University, located in the Qadisiyah area of Baghdad. The group asked officials about the activities of the College, the number of students, the organizational structure, the number of graduate students, research in progress and future research plans. It then inspected all the buildings and laboratories of the Microbiology Section and checked the tagged equipment. The group then returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, composed of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.45 a.m. and arrived at the College of Science of Mustansiriyah University. The group enquired of a number of officials concerning the College departments, the number of students, the teaching staff, the number of persons having doctorates who specialized in the biological sciences and the reason why new buildings had been built during the previous four years. The group inspected the Biology Department, one of the laboratories in the Chemistry Department and the College warehouse, then returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

A team of 24 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. and arrived at the Qa'qa' State Company, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). The team met a number of officials at the Company's plants and inspected a number of production units, buildings and warehouses. The team made use of a radiation survey meter and a metal detector and also photographed the lightning rod in the main warehouses and part of the tagged equipment. The mission lasted approximately 5 hours and 15 minutes, after which the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

V. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Mosul

Group I

A first group, composed of 14 inspectors, left the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 8 a.m. and arrived at one of the airbases in Ta'mim governorate. The group stopped all movement within the base, inspected all its facilities, buildings and sheds and asked the persons concerned whom the base belonged to and what its connections were. It questioned the base's storekeeper about the flow of munitions during the previous four months and asked the commander of the base about changes that had taken place in the base during the previous four years. The mission lasted approximately 5 hours and 15 minutes, after which the group returned to the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul.

Group II

A second group left the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul at 11.30 a.m. and arrived at the Kindi State Company, an MIC company, in order to join the missile inspection team, which had flown to the Company from Baghdad by helicopter and details of whose operations are given in the following paragraph.

VI. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

Two helicopters took off from Rashid airfield at 9 a.m., carrying 18 inspectors, and landed at the Kindi State Company, an MIC company located on the left side of the city of Mosul. It was joined there by the second group of the Mosul joint team. The group questioned all the managers of the Company's centres about changes from 1998 to the present, the Company's organizational structure and its new buildings. It then inspected all the Company's facilities and placed labels on the tagged equipment. The mission lasted approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes.

Group II

A group of six inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the resin plant of the Dhat al-Sawari State Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals and is located in Baghdad, in the Taji district. The group inspected the plant buildings, checked the declarations and asked a National Monitoring representative about the number of technicians and engineers employed at the plant and the end-users of its products. The mission lasted approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad.